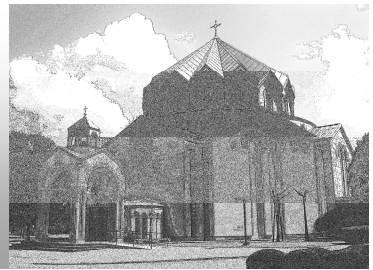


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*Sunday Bulletin ~ Կիրակնօրեայ Լրագիր*

**THE YEAR OF VOCATIONS  
ENTER TO WORSHIP THE LORD  
DEPART TO SERVE HIM  
Encourage our young men to serve the Lord as priests.**

March 7, 2010 ~ The Armenian Year of 1459

**SUNDAY OF THE STEWARD—ՏՆՏԵՍԻ ԿԻՐԱԿԻ**

**CELEBRANT: REV. FR. DIRAN PAPAZIAN**

***THE LORD’S DAY ~ SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP***

Morning Service - Առաւօտեան Ժամերգութիւն	9:00 am
Sunrise Service—Առեւազայ	10:00 am
Lenten Divine Liturgy - Սուրբ Պատարագ	10:30 am
Church School - Կիրակնօրեայ Դպրոց	10:15 am

**SACRED LECTIONS OF THE LITURGY**

Today – Isaiah 56:1-57:21, Ephesians 4:17-5:14, Luke 16:1-31

Next Week— Philipians 3:1-4:9, Luke 17:20-18:14

**Lector: George Boyagian**

*Welcome!*

We welcome you to the Divine Liturgy / *Soorp Badarak* and invite all who are Baptized and Chrismated in, or are in communion with, the Armenian Church to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are new to our parish and would like information about our many parish groups, please ask any Parish Council member on duty at the lobby desk. And make sure you sign our Guest Book before you leave so we can be in touch. Enter to worship the Lord Jesus Christ who loves you and depart with His love to serve others.

**WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET . . .  
BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE.**

## **TODAY'S GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-31**

He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a steward, and charges were brought to him that this man was washing his goods. And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.' And the steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the stewardship away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that people may receive me into their houses when I am put out of the stewardship.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' And he said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' The master commended the dishonest steward for his shrewdness; for the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations.

"He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? and if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they scoffed at him. But he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts; for what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

### **FALLEN ASLEEP IN THE LORD**

We offer prayers for the servant of God

**FLORENCE KARAGOSIAN**

who entered her eternal rest this past week.

May Christ our Lord shed His eternal light upon her soul.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Mary Douroujalian

Shakey Godoshian

Edgar Hagopian

Millie Jingoian

William Pugh

Helen Z. Sahakian

Jack Serce

Ralph Snyder

Agnes Tokatlian

Gloria Vartanian

George Krikor Zamanian

# PIANO RECITAL

Featuring Pianist Natalia Kazaryan in a return performance

Friday, March 12, 2010, 8:00 pm

St. John Armenian Church Cultural Hall

Admission Free Will Offering / Afterglow to Follow

Sponsored by the Komitas Choir (See flyer in Church Lobby)

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS WORKSHOP

*“Sixty Minutes: The Hour That Lasts a Week”*

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM, VARTAN ROOM

GUEST SPEAKER: MRS. ELISE ANTREASSIAN, DIRECTOR OF  
THE DIOCESAN DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL PARENTS ARE WELCOME!

RESERVATIONS A MUST: ALBERTA GODOSHIAN 248.476.4638

## **15th Annual Lenten Retreat**

sponsored in part by the

Yeretzgin Rosalie Papazian Endowment Fund

**“The Faith that Survives:**

**Through the Lens of the Nicene Creed”**

**Saturday, March 20, 2010 9-3:30**

Guest Speaker: Very Reverend Father Daniel Findikyan,  
Dean, St. Nersess Armenian Seminary

## **GIFTS TO THE CHURCH**

**Joseph Kludjian presents a gift on the occasion of his  
birthday. Happy Birthday, Joe!**

## **AT THE PARISH BOOKSTORE**

**NEW BOOK FROM DIOCESE: NEW FAITH TO NEW WORLD  
BY HAGOP NERSOYAN**

Stories from the History of the Armenian Church

Illustrated by Detroit artist Kyle Harabedian

Art Consultant: Fr. Garabed Kochakian

**SOFTCOVER—\$20.00**

**NEW FROM JERUSLEM: SILVER CROSS AND CHAIN-\$20.00**

## THE MEANING OF LENT

*“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And he fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was hungry.”* (Matthew 4:12)

This is the biblical basis of the period called Lent, given to us to prepare for the Feast of Feasts, the Resurrection. Just as we need time to prepare for any great event in life, we need time to make ourselves ready to participate in the blessed and wondrous event commemorated by Easter.

### **Lent gives us the opportunity to:**

Renew our commitment to God

Reflect on our lives and let them be directed by God

Respond to Jesus' call for love and mercy toward all of God's children

Lent is a special time in the year when we guard against worldly distractions and make room for the Holy Spirit to fill us. During Lent we go into our own inner wilderness “caused by sins, spiritual laziness, and empty vanity.” Through prayer, fasting, Bible reading, and self-examination, we gain the strength to work at being more loving, humble and gentle. The heart of Lent is inner penitence and reconciliation with God. Begin with self-examination and inner healing. Set aside this period to examine and evaluate your life as a Christian. Spiritual renewal is possible only if you are willing to repent for your sins and change your life for God.

Source: [armenianchurch.net/worship/lent/index.html](http://armenianchurch.net/worship/lent/index.html)

## WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME DURING LENT

- At the dinner table pray each night for peace in the world and in your family.
- Ask Christ to show you as a family how to communicate better, share your thoughts and hopes.
- Always ask for each other's forgiveness before eating. It will certainly make the meal tastier.
- Observe a moment of silence to think about Jesus before you eat. This is better than the salt and pepper we put on our food.
- Read from the Holy Bible.

*Father Garabed*

**ACYOA DAY—PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH-MARCH 28**

*Detroit ACYOA member Subdeacon Aram Sarkisian  
will enlighten us with his experiences in Jerusalem focusing on:*

*“Prayers Shall Be Offered In Jerusalem:*

*The Armenian Church in the Holy Land”*

*As a special treat, after the brunch and program, Walled Lake High  
School Youth Touring Choir will present a brief concert in the sanctuary.*

*For reservations and more information:*

*E-mail Karen Dardarian: [Detroitacyoa@gmail.com](mailto:Detroitacyoa@gmail.com)*

*Or call (248) 661-0617*

**SAVE THE DATE: BIKE-ATHON/WALK-ATHON  
SATURDAY, MAY 8, 8:30 AM AT HINES PARK  
PICNIC AT THE PARK, WEATHER PERMITTING  
SPONSORED BY ST. JOHN'S CHURCH SCHOOL  
ALL ARE WELCOME . . . More details will follow.**

**St. John's Women's Guild Schoolbag Project needs your support.  
A donation of \$20 will provide a needy Armenian student in Armenia  
with a schoolbag filled with school supplies.**

**For more information, please phone Laurie Reizian at  
(248) 348-1928  
or E-mail Laurie at [ldreizian@yahoo.com](mailto:ldreizian@yahoo.com)**

**ST. NERSES ARMENIAN SEMINARY PRESENTS  
WORTHY AND RIGHT: THE DIVINE LITURGY OF THE  
ARMENIAN CHURCH  
Streaming Weekly Lectures on the Meaning of the Badarak  
by V. Rev. Fr. Daniel Findkiyan  
Dean and Professor of Liturgical Studies**

**Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, January 27 - May 12, 2010**

**Classes are archived on St. Nersess website for viewing anytime...**

**[www.stnersess.edu](http://www.stnersess.edu)**

## **KOMITAS CHOIR PLANS OCTOBER CONCERT**

Our Komitas Choir is planning a major concert in October 2010. We have designated this concert as a fundraiser for St. John's. We are in need of additional voices. Interested individuals should contact Deacon Rubik at 248.569.3405 or . . . [rubik@sjachurch.org](mailto:rubik@sjachurch.org).

## **ACYOA LENTEN FISH DINNERS**

**WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 10 & 17, 5:30 pm**

**LOBSTER DINNER: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 5:30 pm**

**Please phone church office for reservations!**

**EASTER CRAFTS & GAMES FOR KIDS AT 5 PM**

**LENTEN VIGIL IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7:00 PM**

## **TODAY: THE MEN'S SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Next Men's Society meeting: Wednesday, March 17 at 8:00 pm in the Vartan Room following Lenten Worship.

## **JOIN FAMILY AND FRIENDS AT KEF KLUB**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010, 6:00 pm, Rec Ctr**

See announcement on bulletin board and in church lobby

## **POST OFFICE ISSUES ARSHILE GORKY STAMP**

On March 11 the U. S. Post office will begin selling a First Class stamp illustrated with a painting by **Arshile Gorky** (April 15, 1904? – July 21, 1948). Born in Van, Armenia, **Vostanik Manoog Adoyan** came to the U.S. and is well-known as an [American](#) painter who had a great influence on [Abstract Expressionism](#). Let's get behind this to maximize exposure for this stamp, use it for your mail, and get the word out to non-Armenians.

## **LEARN ABOUT THE ARMENIAN LEGION**

**“Legion Armenienne: The Armenian Legion and Its Heroism in the Middle East 1916-1920”** Armenian Research Center U-M, Dearborn hosts month-long exhibition For more details, see poster on bulletin board and announcement in church lobby.

## **WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS**

**WINTER BAKING CONTINUES! ITEMS, WHEN AVAILABLE, WILL BE SOLD SUNDAYS, AFTER CHURCH THROUGH MARCH.** Today, the Guild will be selling **SOU BEOREG, SPINACH PIE, CHEOREG AND TEPSEE BEOREG.**

On **Tuesday, March 9 at 9am** we will make **KHALKHA**. An evening Cheoreg bake is scheduled for **Monday, March 15 at 6 pm**. On **Tuesday, March 23 at 9 am** we will make **KATAH**. **EVERYONE is welcome --** Women's Guild membership is not required. Please join us; enjoy working and learning, while serving our Church.

**Moms and Manoogs** will meet regularly the *first and third Tuesday each month at 10:00 am*. It gives moms a chance to meet new people within the St. John's family while their children interact and play. **Currently the group meets in the Nursery** which is filled with a wonderful array of toys, but as the weather clears, we will plan outings, such as the zoo, parks, etc. Belonging to this group is a wonderful introduction to Church life for young moms and children. Please contact Kristen Gustafson (248) 765-0471 for more information and to sign up for our next play date. We hope to see you there. Membership in the Women's Guild is not required.

*The Women's Guild invites you to become a member.*

*For more information, please call Linda Assarian, 248.332.0816.*

### **A Kharpert Kufteh Family Dinner**

**Friday, April 9, 2010, 7:00 pm**

**Donation: \$25—Adults; \$10 Children under 12**

**RSVP by April 1 to Joyce Obenhoff 586.754.3984**

**SAVE THE DATE: THE WEDDING PARTY—A LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW OF VINTAGE WEDDING ATTIRE, SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010, 12 PM AT ST. JOHN'S**

**AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY, THURSDAY, MARCH 25 AT NOON**

Bible Study Leader: Yerezgin Roberta

### **TRACKING OUR TREASURES - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

Plate Donations of the Day           \$289.00

Candle Donations of the Day       \$151.00

### **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, March 9—Senior Lunch

Wednesday, March 10—ACYOA Lenten Fish Dinner-5:30 pm

Lenten Vigil-7:00 pm

Sunday, March 14—**Sunday of the Judge**

# THE GREAT LENTEN SEASON

*During the period of Great Lent in the Armenian Church  
we observe the following:*

- *The altar curtain is closed*
- *There is no Kiss of Peace during the Divine Liturgy*
- *Holy Communion is not offered during the Divine Liturgy*
- *The Holy Gospels Book is not venerated after worship*
- *Hymns are sung in penitential melody*
- *Names of saints are not remembered*
- *The organ is not played when you depart from the sanctuary*
- *All should remain silent when exiting the sanctuary after worship in respect to those who remain for devotional prayers*
- *Weddings and Baptisms are not celebrated*

THE PSALM OF DISMISSAL - PSALM 34  
*Orhnetseets uzDer hamenayn zham, hamenyn zham  
orhnootyoon nora ee peran eem.*

**Օրհնեցից ըզՏէր յամենայն ժամ, յամենայն ժամ,  
օրհնութիւն նորա ի բերան իմ:**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
His praise shall be at all times in my mouth.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

The task ahead of us is never as great  
as the Power behind us.

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